

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S4571–S4646**

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2803–2817, and S. Res. 480–481. **Page S4617**

**Measures Passed:**

**Relative to Death of Former Senator Jacob Chic Hecht:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 481, relative to the death of Jacob Chic Hecht, former United States Senator for the State of Nevada. **Page S4645**

**Arctic Research and Policy Amendments Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 879, to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984, and the bill was passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4645–46**

Frist (for Collins/Murkowski) Amendment No. 4028, to strike the sections regarding Commission awards and representation and reception activities. **Page S4646**

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S4575–S4610**

**Adopted:**

By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 122), Salazar Amendment No. 3994, to prohibit implementation of title IV and title VI until the President determines that implementation of such titles will strengthen the national security of the United States. **Pages S4577–85**

Bingaman/Feinstein Amendment No. 3981, to reduce the number of H–2C nonimmigrants to 200,000 during any fiscal year. (By 18 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 124), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4600–03**

Kerry/Bingaman Amendment No. 3999, to improve the capacity of the United States Border Patrol to rapidly respond to threats to border security. **Pages S4603–05**

**Rejected:**

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 121), Cornyn (for Isakson) Amendment No. 3961, to prohibit the granting of legal status, or adjustment of current status, to any individual who enters or entered the United States in violation of Federal law unless the border security measures authorized under Title I and section 233 are fully completed and fully operational. **Page S4584**

Dorgan Amendment No. 4017, to prohibit aliens who are currently outside the United States from participating in the H–2C guestworker visa program. (By 69 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4585–S4600**

**Pending:**

Kyl Amendment No. 4027, to make certain aliens ineligible for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status or Deferred Mandatory Departure status. **Pages S4605–10**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, Senate continue consideration of the bill. **Page S4646**

**Appointments:**

**Election Assistance Board of Advisors:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to the Public Law 107–252, Title II, Section 214, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors: Wesley R. Kliner, Jr., of Tennessee. **Page S4645**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 120), Milan D. Smith, Jr., of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S4573–75**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Francisco Augusto Besosa, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—124) Pages S4575, S4584, S4585, S4599–S4600, S4603

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Jacob Chic Hecht, former United States Senator from the State of Nevada, in accordance with S. Res. 481, adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4646.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HEDGE FUNDS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the role of hedge funds in U.S. capital markets, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance; Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Patrick M. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Richard T. McCormack, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Adam Lerrick, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, New York, New York; and Kurt N. Schacht, Chartered Financial Analyst Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia.

### TRANSPORTATION WORKER IDENTIFICATION CREDENTIAL PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration's Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; George P. Cummings, City of Los Angeles Harbor Department, San Pedro, California; Lisa B. Himber, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Larry I. Willis, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

### YUCCA MOUNTAIN REPOSITORY PROJECT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Yucca Mountain Repository Project within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management at the Department of Energy, focusing on the history of high-level nuclear waste disposal, after receiving testimony from B. John Garrick, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Paul M. Golan, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; William Wehrum, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Robert R. Loux, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, Carson City.

### LAND BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1686, to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the